



# Public Notice

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Joint Public Notice  
Corps of Engineers  
and  
State of Kentucky

**AUTHORITY:** Pursuant to 33 CFR 325, as published in the Federal Register dated November 13, 1986, this notice announces an application submitted for a Department of the Army permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

**APPLICANT:** Lisa M. Gericke  
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**LOCATION:** The project is located north of Columbus, Kentucky along Town Creek in Hickman County, at approximate latitude 36-47-9.4817 and longitude 89-6-24.6589 on the Arlington 7.5 minute quadrangle map (see attached map).

**PURPOSE:** The purpose is to restore the Town Creek Moist Soil Unit to provide moist soil vegetation for waterfowl.

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** The project involves excavating the channel of Town Creek a distance of approximately 800 feet, to a depth of two feet and a width of six feet. Approximately 356 cubic yards of material will be excavated and will be spread on the south side of the creek over an area less than one acre. In addition, approximately three acres of black willow along the outer boundaries and inner portion of the project area will be mechanically cleared to provide additional area for moist soil development (see attached map). Total wetland impacts will be approximately 4 acres. Mitigation for these impacts will consist of planting approximately 8 acres of bottomland hardwood tree species such as pecan, Nutall oak, pin oak, willow oak or water oak.

**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:** By copy of this public notice, the applicant is requesting water quality certification from the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water that the activity will comply with applicable requirements set forth in 33 U.S.C. and 1341(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act and all State laws and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. This certification or evidence of this water quality certification or waiver of the right to certify must be submitted prior to the issuance of a Corps of Engineers permit. The Corps of Engineers' evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, EPA, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** No endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat, are known to exist in the project area. This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Any comments they may have regarding endangered or threatened wildlife or plants, or their critical habitat, will be considered in our evaluation of the described work.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES:** The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted, and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed in the register which will be affected by the work. The consultation of the National Register will constitute the full extent of cultural resources investigation by this office unless we are made aware as a result of comments received in response to the notice or by other means of the existence of specific structures or sites which might be affected by the work. Copies of the notice are being sent to the State Archaeologist and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

**FLOOD PLAIN:** In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Flood Plain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a flood plain development permit is required. Flood plain administrators should review the proposed public notice and apprise this office of any flood plain development permit requirements.

**PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW:** The purpose of this public notice is to advise all interested parties of the activities for which a permit is sought and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the probable impact on the public interest.

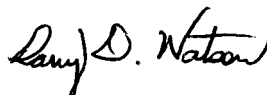
The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reason for holding a public hearing. The District Engineer will determine if the issues raised are substantial and whether a hearing is needed for making a decision.

**COMMENTS OR REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** If you wish to obtain additional information or to submit comments on the application, please contact Randy Clark at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 167 North Main Street, Room B-202, Memphis, Tennessee 38103-1894, telephone (901) 544-0735. Copies of all comments, including the names and address of commenters, may be provided to the applicant for consideration and response prior to a decision by the Corps.

Comments should be received by November 2001



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Chief  
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Attachments



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